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Serving Our State on Boards & Commissions

JEFFERSON CITY — Ever wondered how you can become an active voice in our state government? Missouri has more than 200 boards and commissions that give citizens another way to become a part of influencing decisions that help shape the quality of life for Missouri residents.

The process of becoming a citizen member of a state board or commission begins with filling out an application (<http://governor.mo.gov/boards/boardsapp.htm>). Upon approval of the governor, appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor in the confirmation process. This process begins with the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

Once approved, appointees are responsible for advising the governor, lawmakers in the Senate and House of Representatives, and state agencies. In some instances, a commission or board member may be responsible for input regarding major issues, such as establishing state standards, maintaining our valuable resources, and helping protect the general welfare of our state's citizens.

If you are interested in finding how you might match your talent, qualifications and experience to serve on a state board or commission, you can find a complete list of board and commissions on the governor's Web site (<http://governor.mo.gov/boards/boardsapp.htm>.) Here you can access information about each board and commission, including its description, members, governing statute, along with its Web site.

I take great pride and joy in sponsoring qualified, responsible members from diverse backgrounds in southeast Missouri who possess a strong belief in the public process. This year, I sponsored 10 citizens of the 25th Senate District and nearby communities who now serve on a state board or commission or were reappointed to a current post.

- ◆Kathleen Hampton of Bernie — Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
(Confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 5, 2008)
- ◆Julie Robinson of Cape Girardeau — Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
(Confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 5, 2008)
- ◆Joseph Knodell of Poplar Bluff — Board of Probation and Parole
(Confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 5, 2008)
- ◆David Johnson of Dexter — State Blasting Safety Board
(Confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 27, 2008)
- ◆Liz Rowland of Dexter — Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
(Confirmed by the Senate on April 17, 2008)
- ◆James Tweedy of Bloomfield — Missouri Ethics Commission
(Confirmed by the Senate on May 7, 2008)

In addition, I sponsored the reappointment of four individuals to state boards and commissions: Baughn Meredith of Caruthersville, State Soil and Water Districts Commission; James Frakes of Portageville, Hazardous Waste Management Commission; Mike Geske of Matthews, Alternative Fuels Commission; and Robert Lawrence of Steele, Well Installation Board.

I hope you will explore the Missouri Boards and Commissions Web site. If you wish to apply, simply complete the appointment application and return it to the designated office address. You may apply at any time, regardless of whether there is a current opening. I encourage you to apply for a position where you can help serve our great state.

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